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DEPT PASS TO OASGA DEL GRENADA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, OAS, SHUM, DR
SUBJECT: GODR EFFORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT OASGA

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1. IN VIEW NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY TO AVOID POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY IN REACHING APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OVER APPROACHING WEEKEND, ALSO TO EXPEDITE DOMINICAN ACTION IN TIME TO BE HELPFUL TO US EFFORTS AT GRENADA, AND PERCEIVING NO OBJECTION TO SOLICITING DOMINICAN COOPERA-
TION FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION INDICATED PARA 2 REF A, I CALLED ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY MARTE DE BARRIOS SHORTLY AFTER RECEIVING REFTEL AND AFTER NOTIFYING DEPARTMENT (DE FNNTILLANA) OF MY INTENDED ACTION. SUBSEQUENTLY, I WAS ABLE TO REACH PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY BELLO ANDINO AND CALLED ON HIM AS WELL.

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH MARTE DE BARRIOS (WHO IS NOT PRIVY TO BELLO'S APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR REPORTED REF B) I MADE PRESENTATION ALONG LINES PARA 2 REF A, EMPHASIZING THAT US-DR ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER DEMOCRATIC STATES IN PASSAGE RESOLUTION OF TYPE PROPOSED WOULD D CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF US-DR SOLIDARITY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE,
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IN LINE WITH COMMENTS WHICH MARTE AND FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD MADE TO PRESS YESTERDAY (REF C). TAKING UP THIS THOUGHT, SHE WONDERED WHETHER US AND DOMINICAN PROPOSALS MIGHT BE MERGED AND DR JOIN IN SPONSORSHIP OF SUCH RESOLUTION. I SUGGESTED THAT DOMINICAN DELEGATION PURSUE ANY SUCH IDEA WITH US DELEGATION AT GRENADA

AND REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF DEMONSTRATING SOLIDARITY OF LIKE-MINDED

STATES ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. SHE SAID SHE HAD BEEN IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY AT GRENADA AND WOULD TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF INSTRUCTIONS TO DOMINICAN DELEGATION TO COOPERATE AS REQUESTED.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CALL ON BELLO ANDINO THIS EVENING, I MADE APPROACH ALONG LINES PARA 2 REF A, TOLD HIM ABOUT MY CONVERSATION WITH MARTE DE

BARRIOS, EMPHASIZED THAT COOPERATION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED WOULD BE CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF US-DR SOLIDARITY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND INDICATED THAT IT WOULD AFFORD OCCASION FOR REMARKS BY US DELEGATION LAUDING DOMINICAN COOPERATION TO ADVANCE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

WHILE TAKING FULL ACCOUNT OF THREAT OF TERRORISM, FROM ALL QUARTERS, TO RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THIS HEMISPHERE. BELLO NOTED THAT MARTE DE

BARRIOS WAS UNAWARE OF HIS APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT AND I REASSURED HIM THAT I HAD MADE NO MENTION OF THIS IN MY PRESENTATION TO HER. BELLO SEEMED TO FAVOR IDEA OF DOMINICAN COOPERATION AS PROPOSED AND SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH PRESIDENT THIS EVENING.

4. I WILL FOLLOW UP TOMORROW MORNING TO ASCERTAIN PRESIDENT'S REACTION.

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